

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967. Congress passed this act to advance both communications technology and quality programming.

It now invests in over 1,000 local radio and television stations, providing every American with access to commercial-free, educational, and thought-provoking programming. For years, parents in my home of St. Louis, Missouri have turned to KETC-TV as their children's developing minds are broadened by programs like Sesame Street. These same parents depend on KWMU radio for in-depth news coverage of local, national, and global events.

With its mission to "provide programs... which inform, enlighten, and enrich the public," the Corporation for Public Broadcasting has contributed to the development of our children, the public's interest and understanding of our world, and the implementation of new and better communications technologies. As the bill was signed into law on November 7, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson so eloquently stated, "While we work every day to produce new goods and create new wealth, we want most of all to enrich man's spirit."